

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2382**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gordon**

February 24, 2012

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An act to add Section 14106 to the Government Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2382, as introduced, Gordon. Department of Transportation: Innovation District Demonstration Project.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law creates the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority with various transportation responsibilities in the County of Santa Clara.

This bill would, by July 1, 2014, require the department, working in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, to establish the Innovation District Demonstration Project, designed to provide a new and innovative business model delivering transportation projects and services in the County of Santa Clara in a more responsive, cost-effective, and efficient manner and to serve as a mechanism for trying out new approaches for project delivery, local assistance, and transportation operations through streamlined processes, improved management techniques, and advanced technologies, with the goal of expediting project delivery and increasing the efficiency of the department. The bill would require the department and the authority to evaluate the effectiveness of the demonstration project and to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2018, on specified matters. By requiring the authority to participate in this demonstration project, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 14106 is added to the Government Code,  
2 to read:  
3 14106. (a) On or before July 1, 2014, the department, working  
4 in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation  
5 Authority, shall establish the Innovation District Demonstration  
6 Project.  
7 (b) The Innovation District Demonstration Project shall be  
8 designed to do both of the following:  
9 (1) Operate under a new and innovative business model for  
10 delivering transportation projects and services in the County of  
11 Santa Clara in a more responsive, cost-effective, and efficient  
12 manner.  
13 (2) Serve as a mechanism for trying out new approaches for  
14 project delivery, local assistance, and transportation operations  
15 through streamlined processes, improved management techniques,  
16 and advanced technologies, with the goal of expediting project  
17 delivery and increasing the efficiency of the department.  
18 (c) The department and the authority shall jointly conduct an  
19 evaluation of the demonstration project in order to determine its  
20 effectiveness. On or before January 1, 2018, the department shall  
21 submit a report containing the results of this evaluation to the  
22 Legislature, together with recommendations as to whether the  
23 project should be continued. The report shall be submitted in  
24 accordance with Section 9795 of the Government Code. The report  
25 shall also identify those elements of the demonstration project  
26 business model that are suitable for application by the department  
27 throughout its operations.

1     SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
2     this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
3     local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
4     pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
5     4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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